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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF BAB-MFM

REF: STATE 21494

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY FROM JOVA

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA WAS OUT OF TOWN JANUARY 30, SO I SENT UNDERSECRETARY GALLASTEGUI A NOTE TRANSMITTING THE TWO STATEMENTS MENTIONED IN REFTTEL AND I TALKED WITH RABASA UPON HIS RETURN TO MEXICO CITY. RABASA CONSIDERS THAT ALL CONCERNED CAME OUT OF THE POSTPONEMENT INCIDENT FAIRLY WELL, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THAT THERE WAS NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE. HE MENTIONED THAT VIGNES HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM BEFORE ANNOUNCING THE POSTPONEMENT. RABASA THINKS THE NEXT STEP IS TO MOVE AHEAD THROUGH QUIET CONSULTATION TOWARD CHANGING THE VOTING REQUIREMENT UNDER THE RIO TREATY TO ALLOW "FREEDOM OF ACTION" VIS-A-VIS CUBA. HE HAD NO SPECIFIC PROCEDURAL SUGGESTIONS BUT WE AGREED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER

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IN THE WEEKS AHEAD. I SUGGESTED HE STUDY JURIDICAL ASPECTS

OF THE ISSUE (I.E. RATIFICATION).

2. NEITHER RABASA NOR ECHEVERRIA (NOR, INDEED, OTHER HIGH GOM OFFICIALS) HAVE COMMENTED PUBLICLY ON THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE MFM. THE MEXICAN POSITION ON CUBA S MEWHAT DIVERTED LOCAL ATTENTION FROM OTHER ASPECTS OF THE CANCELLED MEETING AND THE GOM ISBN PERHAPS, IN SOME DOUBT AS TO WHAT COULD OR SHOULD BE USEFULLY SAID.

3. SIMILARLY, PRESS REACTION HAS BEEN RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT. INFLUENTIAL EXCELSIOR HAD BEEN URGING THAT MEXICO NOT ATTEND THE MFM FOR SOME DAYS BEFORE THE POSTPONEMENT WAS ANNOUNCED. OBVIOUSLY, EXCELSIOR AND THE NATIONALIST-LEFT SECTOR IS GRATIFIED.

4. COMMENT: IT IS AN ILL WIND THAT BLOWS NO GOOD--AT LEAST THE NOISE OVER THE TRADE ACT HAS PUT THE MATTER OF OUR ADVERSE VOTE ON CERDS ON THE BACK BURNER FOR THE MOMENT. JOVA

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